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## WATER



### Water Supply Shortage

The Long Beach Board of Water Commissioners declared a Stage 2 Water Supply Shortage on May 11, 2015 for the City of Long Beach. The Declaration puts into effect ALL of the following prohibited uses of water, until further notice:

1. Irrigating landscape with potable water any day other than Tuesday or Saturday.
2. Filling residential swimming pools and spas with potable water.
3. Serving drinking water to any customer in a restaurant or other public place where food is served, sold, or offered for sale, unless requested by the customer.
4. Irrigating landscape with potable water for more than 10 minutes per authorized day if using sprinkler heads that emit one or more gallons per minute, or for more than 20 minutes per authorized day if using stream rotator-type or gear driven sprinkler heads rated at emitting less than one gallon per minute.

You can help the city in identifying and reducing water waste through the Long Beach Water Department's "Report a Water Waster" app. It is available for Android and Apple devices.

## FARMERS MARKETS



### Saturday

9 am to 1pm  
Admiral Kidd Park

9am to 2pm  
Bixby Park

### Sunday

9 am to 2 pm  
Alamitos Bay Marina

8:30 am to 3 pm  
5000 E. Spring St.

### Tuesday

5 pm to 8 pm  
Bixby Park

### Wednesday

3 pm to 8 pm  
Marine Stadium

3 pm to sunset  
Atlantic and Artesia

### Thursday

3 pm to 6 pm  
Atlantic and E. 46th St



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## COMMISSIONER SPOTLIGHT



Commissioner Ursua joined the Sustainable City Commission in 2010. Ms. Ursua has an educational background in Organizational Management and has 25 years of experience in Leadership & Employee Development, Instructional Design, Human Resources and Workforce Development, and sustainability-related Outreach and Education. She is currently the President of Green Education Inc. and Principal at Stellar Sustainable Consulting. In addition, Ms. Ursua is involved in many community organizations including LGBT

Center in Long Beach, Building Healthy Communities, U.S. Green Building Council LA, and Leaders Council for RePower LA. She is also founder of the Earth Day celebration event, Green Prize Festival, which is held annually in Long Beach. At home, Ms. Ursua practices sustainability through recycling, reusing, and saving vegetable scraps for her friend's chickens. A major environmental issue that she is concerned with is Climate Change and Climate Resiliency. Ms. Ursua believes that "we need to build resiliency practices into all of our...institutions to ensure that we are prepared for [future impacts of climate change]". She would like to help create more green-related education and careers, "jobs that will transform our city into a more energy efficient, climate resilient," and renewable energy utilizing city.

## GREEN BUSINESS

Sacred Roots Holistic Healing is the most recent addition to our Green Business Recognition program! A total of 20 Long Beach businesses have earned recognition for their sustainable efforts. Sacred Roots earned a Green Business Recognition award in their efforts of recycling and composting, energy reduction, green purchasing, water conservation, and alternative transportation.

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## POLICY NEWS

The Organic Waste assembly bill known as AB 126 was signed into law in September 2014. This bill will require businesses and public entities to divert their organic waste. "Organic waste" includes food waste, green waste, landscape and pruning waste, nonhazardous wood waste, and food soiled paper waste.

- This bill will be effective on January 1, 2016 and will require each jurisdiction to have an organic waste diversion program in place for organic waste generated by businesses subject to this law.
- April 1, 2016 commences requirements for businesses generating eight or more cubic yards of organic waste per week.
- January 1, 2017, the requirements apply to businesses generating four or more cubic yards of organic waste per week.
- January 1, 2019, all businesses that generate four or more cubic yards of solid waste shall arrange for organic waste recycling service.



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Jenny Ahn, Jocelyn Fee, and Kailey Waite created Sacred Roots Holistic Healing Center as a space where healing artists and professionals can come together and practice their passion. Sacred Roots is an alternative health and wellness center where patients can participate in workshops or get services. The center offers a wide range of services and workshops, including a sauna, massages, chiropractic care, acupuncture, meditation classes, sound healing, reiki healing, and yoga classes. Sacred Roots Holistic Healing Center is located at 316 Redondo Ave. Long Beach, CA 90814. If you have questions or would like to set up an appointment, please call 562-265-1810 or email [info@sacredrootsholistichealing.com](mailto:info@sacredrootsholistichealing.com)

For more information about Sacred Roots, visit [www.sacredrootsholistichealing.com](http://www.sacredrootsholistichealing.com)

## CIVIC CENTER EDIBLE GARDEN

### 2015 Garden Classes Schedule



Learn key components for growing a successful container garden.

Workshops are held on a Tuesday once a month at the Civic Center Edible Garden (333 W. Ocean Blvd.) from 11am -12pm. Classes are FREE!

**July 14** - Vermicomposting for Beginners: Composting with earthworms

**August 18** - Soil Health and Pests

**September 15** - Indoor Seed Starting

**October 20** - Fall Planting: Fall veggies and Care.

**November 17** - Small Space Container Gardening

**December 15** - Herbs: Propagation, Drying, and Medicinal Uses

*Free giveaways on a first come, first served basis!*

For more information or to RSVP please call (562)-570-5927 or email us at [civiccenterediblegarden@gmail.com](mailto:civiccenterediblegarden@gmail.com)



## BEACH STREETS 2015

On June 6, 2015, Long Beach held its first ever Beach Streets event. This type of event is also known as Open Streets and is inspired by LA's CicLAvia, where streets are closed to automobile traffic and allows for pedestrians and bicyclists to enjoy the streets car-free. Beach Streets 2015 was funded by Metro, and occurred along Atlantic Avenue, starting at Houghton Park and ending at Wardlow Metro Station. Thousands of walkers, runners, bicyclists, and dancers participated in the event. Stores and restaurants were open to welcome the participants. Musicians entertained, street vendors sold goods, and many other activity booths were set up. These kinds of events promote a sense of community, sustainability, and healthy living. The Office of Sustainability hopes that more events like this will happen in the City and hopefully Beach Streets will become an annual tradition!



## HISTORIC SOUTHERN PACIFIC DEPOT

The Historic Southern Pacific Railroad Depot is a 107-year-old landmark in Long Beach, showcasing Mediterranean/ Spanish mission revival style with Caribbean and Dutch Colonial influence. Built in 1907, the 66-by-30-foot Depot served as one of the train stops that welcomed new residents and visitors to Long beach. In 1936, the Depot was relocated and used as a testing lab for building materials. Most recently, the depot acted as a storage and office space for the City's Public Works Department from 1989 to the early 2000s, until it was standing idle under private ownership. The Office of Sustainability and We Are the Next, a heritage conservation nonprofit, formed a partnership in order to save, restore, and reuse this building. On February 4, 2015 the Depot was partially deconstructed and moved to its new home at Willow Springs Park with the help of JR Van Dijks, a construction management company with expertise in adaptive reuse and historical rehabilitation. It took 2 hours to transport the Depot along a 5.5 mile route. The Depot's new location is at 2702 California Avenue, adjacent to Farm Lot 59, where it will potentially be utilized



as an interpretive and education center, park headquarters, community room, trailhead outfitter, and farm-to-table venue.